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Our offices and press will remain closed on Wednesday on account of Ayudha Pooja. So you'll miss seeing us on **Thursday, October 2.** But you can log on to **www.bangaloremirror.com** or follow **@BangaloreMirror** on X for all the buzz about Bengaluru and beyond

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How pair of earphones upended cat burglars' precise plan to lead police to them within hours of their latest crime

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GET ON WITH THE UPGRADE ALREADY

App had brought in transparency on how panel was handling cases

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The Karnataka State Human Rights Commission's (SHRC) mobile application 'Manava Hakku Rakshane' has been lying defunct for nearly two years, leaving the public and students unable to access what was once considered a vital platform for tracking human rights complaints.

The app was developed during the 4G era, but has not been updated to support 5G smartphones, making it incompatible for most users today. Complaints about the app's non-functionality have been piling up for two years now, but no action has been taken to address the issue, sources said.

How the app was useful:

Before it became non-operational, the Manava Hakku Rakshane app was widely used by the public to file complaints and monitor their progress. It provided details such as the status of each case, steps taken by officials, pending stages, contact numbers, procedures, and even relevant Acts and regulations.

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"We are working on upgrading the app for 5G users. For this, we need to correspond with the government. The process is underway —SHRC secretary

Cutlery clutter

Most common banned single use plastic item found in city's waste streams was cutlery, shows study done before ban

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Just before the Central Environment Ministry enforced a nationwide ban on single-use plastic items on July 1, 2022, these plastic items accounted for approximately 17% of the total plastic waste in Bengaluru.

The most common banned SUPs found in the waste stream in the city were cutlery items, accounting for more than 30% by weight of all the banned single-use plastic items. PVC banners and plastic flags, mostly from different political parties, along with plastic sticks, formed the other prominent banned SUPs, accounting for 19.59% and 16.34%, respectively, of the total banned SUPs.

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The percentage of carry bags in total banned SUPs ranged from 14% in Bengaluru.

These findings have been highlighted by a market survey conducted across the city by the Ministry of Environment,

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artistic aid

An art show titled 'The Chimeric Concoction' is being held as a fundraising effort by artist Aparna Rajapandian. A part of the proceeds will be given to Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE). **Where: Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar; When: October 3 to 5, 10 am to 6 pm**

02 Rhythm reverie

Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru is organising 'Dandiya Nights', a spellbinding experience where the infectious beats of Bollywood meet the timeless rhythm of dandiya, creating an evening filled with music, dance, and merriment. **Where: Bhartiya Mall of Bengaluru, Thanisandra Main Road; When: October 1, 6 pm**

03 Hear here

Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, in collaboration with ALIMCO Bengaluru, is organising a free hearing aid distribution camp for the underprivileged. **Where: Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, Hebbal (For registration); When: Starting October 3**

04 Think global

Education in Ireland is set to host its flagship 'Education in Ireland Fair', bringing together representatives and academics from 21 Irish universities and colleges, along with officials from the Irish Visa Office, offering students and parents the opportunity to engage directly with institutions and gain first-hand insights on studying in Ireland. **Where: Taj MG Road; When: October 5, 12 pm to 4 pm**

05 Celebrating devotion

The Sarjapur Outer Ring Road Bengali Association (SORRBA) will hold its 17th Durga Puja, focusing on Pancha Durga — five forms of the Goddess Durga — incorporating elements of South Indian tradition. In addition to the rituals, the event will feature a food court with a range of regional and international cuisines. **Where: Samskruthi Pavilion, Sarjapur Road; When: Till October 2**

Oxygen proves balm to burn victims: 100 patients helped

Patients undergoing treatment breathe 100 per cent oxygen at elevated pressure, showing improved healing; Victoria Hospital stands out as key government provider delivering this advanced care

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Advanced treatments in burns care have significantly improved recovery outcomes, offering patients better healing. At Victoria Hospital, the introduction of the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) unit has brought significant relief to burns patients. So far, over 100 patients have benefitted from this therapy, which has shown highly positive results with shorter hospital stays, faster recovery, reduced pain, and a decreased need for skin grafts. Victoria Hospital remains the only government facility in Karnataka equipped with an HBOT unit.

HBOT is a medical procedure where patients breathe 100 per cent oxygen at pressures higher than normal atmospheric levels. This process increases the oxygen content in the blood, allowing greater amounts of oxygen to reach the body's tissues and organs.

Dr Smitha Segu, Secretary, National Academy of Burns India (NABI) and Professor Unit HOD, Plastic Surgery, said that the HBOT unit at Victoria Hospital was set up two years ago. "The patient is placed inside the HBOT chamber, where the atmospheric pressure is increased between 2-2.5. The chamber can accommodate four patients and one technician at a time. Each patient wears a mask through which 100 per cent oxygen is delivered," she explained. She said that this therapy is particularly beneficial in burns cases involving less than 40–50 per cent of the body surface area, especially first- and second-degree burns.

Dr Segu further explained the process, "Within the first 24 hours, we conduct basic investigations and obtain physician clearance before starting HBOT. Each session lasts about 90 minutes under pressure. The treatment works by reducing oedema through vasoconstriction, preserving microcirculation, and enhancing oxygen delivery by osmotic effect." Dr Segu said that it also promotes angiogenesis and collagen formation, thereby improving the tensile strength of the wound.

HBOT offers multiple benefits in the treatment and recovery process. One of its key advantages is the reduction of oedema, as the therapy stimulates better circulation, allowing built-up fluids in the body to be filtered and eliminated more effectively.

By hyperoxygenating the tissues, HBOT ensures they are saturated with oxygen, which is vital for stimulating healing. The therapy also enhances the body's antibacterial activity, creating an environment that helps fight infections more efficiently. In addition, HBOT promotes angiogenesis, the formation of new blood vessels, which is essential for tissue survival and repair after injury. Another significant benefit is the stimulation of growth factors. When the body is flooded with 100 per cent pure oxygen during treatment, platelets become activated, further supporting the healing and recovery process.

Based on the cases treated with HBOT at Victoria Hospital, it was found that patients with first- and second-degree superficial burns experienced quicker recovery. "We have seen patients showing 50-60 per cent faster healing, shorter hospital stays, lower pain levels, and a reduced need for grafting," said Dr Segu.

Over 15-20 sessions are given to patients depending on the type of burns, with one session per day. At Victoria Hospital, one session is said to cost Rs 1,850 for APL card holders, while BPL patients pay only 50 per cent of that amount.

Treatment works by reducing oedema through vasoconstriction, preserving microcirculation, and enhancing oxygen delivery, says doctor

Dr Segu noted that many patients request additional sessions after experiencing noticeable recovery, reflecting their confidence in the treatment's effectiveness. "They do not even opt for grafting and request us for more sittings. The HBOT is definitely bringing positive results in the treatment," said Dr Segu.

Patients with comorbidities such as lung problems or cardiovascular diseases are usually not considered fit for HBOT because the treatment involves breathing 100 per cent oxygen under high pressure, which can place additional strain on already compromised organs.

White Gold logo features on Bengaluru FC jerseys

White Gold, India's leading gold-buying business, has achieved a unique milestone as its logo now features on the jerseys of Bengaluru FC players. For founder and CEO Rahul Joseph, the moment is especially nostalgic. A lifelong FIFA enthusiast, Joseph shared how surreal it feels to see his company's logo on players' kits within the game — something he once only dreamt of as a child. "Every time I play as BFC in FIFA, there it is — our brand, right there on the pitch. Dreams have funny ways of showing up, sometimes even on your PlayStation," Joseph remarked. "With this integration, White Gold not only strengthens its association with Bengaluru FC but also finds a place in the global gaming arena, reaching football fans and gamers alike," he said in a LinkedIn post. **— BMB**

Aster CMI brings new laser angioplasty

On World Heart Day 2025, Aster CMI Hospital announced that it has become the first hospital in Karnataka to introduce Excimer Laser Angioplasty, powered by the Philips Nexcimer Laser System. The procedure is used in cases of calcified deposits, in-stent restenosis, chronic total occlusions, and blockages where conventional angioplasty or stenting has failed. The technology uses ultraviolet light pulses to vapourise plaque into microscopic particles, restoring blood flow. Dr Prashanth N, CEO of Aster Hospitals, said the launch reflects the hospital's effort to bring advanced treatments to patients. **— BMB**

Maharani Cluster University confers honorary doctorate to Dr BT Rudresh

Maharani Cluster University has conferred an honorary doctorate on Nadoja Dr BT Rudresh. Speaking to the media, he said that he has been practising homoeopathy for over five decades, focusing on infertility treatment. "My clinical work has helped more than 3,000 couples experience parenthood," he said. He has completed his PhD at Pune University on homoeopathic treatment of female infertility and has earlier been honoured by Kuvempu University and Kannada University. **— BMB**

Manipal Hospitals launches 'Guardian of the Heart 3.0' in Bengaluru

Manipal Hospitals marked World Heart Day with the third edition of its Guardian of the Heart initiative in association with Bengaluru Traffic Police. As part of the campaign, red traffic signals at about 40 junctions, including HAL, MG Road, Trinity, Cubbon Park and Brigade Road, displayed heart-shaped symbols. The Bengaluru Traffic Police also displayed awareness messages on poles and set up SOS QR code boards at their hubs. Speaking about the initiative, a Bengaluru Traffic Police official said, "Traffic signals are a part of everyone's daily routine. Using them to remind people about their health can create an impact." Manipal Hospitals also launched 'Heart Live – Breaking Live from Bengaluru', where representatives engaged with citizens across different professions. Participants spoke about lifestyle practices and the importance of regular check-ups. **— BMB**

Stolen AirPods help bust Doddaballapura burglary gang

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A gang of housebreakers was arrested after a stolen pair of AirPods helped investigators track them through the Find My Device feature. On the night of September 16–17, the burglars broke into a residence at TB Cross, Doddaballapura Town and escaped with about 115 grams of gold, silver jewellery, and electronic gadgets, with losses estimated at around Rs 8 lakh. Acting swiftly, Doddaballapura police traced and detained three suspects within six hours, after one of the stolen devices was activated, providing a location lead.

The burglary targeted the complainant's house in TB Narayanappa Badavane, Doddaballapura. The thieves broke the locks, ransacked cupboards, and escaped with valuables. The theft was discovered the next morning when the family returned from a relative's home. Police said the gang had already struck another house before this incident. In this case, the stolen Apple AirPods, when activated, gave crucial location leads, enabling officers to act swiftly and apprehend the suspects.

The arrested men are identified as Purushotham (22), Darshan (20), and Chandru (24), all habitual offenders with a history of theft and violent crime across Davangere, Hubballi, Tumakuru, and parts of Telangana. Purushotham, according to police, began committing crimes as a juvenile, his first registered case was a murder in Davangere. He was recently released from Tumakuru jail before resuming criminal activities.

Modus operandi

Police said the gang operated in a highly calculated manner. They travelled by train without tickets, alighted at Doddaballapura, and walked along the railway tracks to avoid detection. Before targeting any house, they observed residential layouts for several days. The gang marked a spot near the tracks where they removed their slippers to move silently. During the burglaries, they used basic tools and left markers to retrace their routes. Police added that the offenders, reportedly trained during previous jail terms, were skilled at evading detection, kept their phones offline, and disguised themselves using scarves and caps.

Role of the kingpin

A woman named Saubhagya (24), alleged to be the mastermind, was also arrested. Police said she provided shelter to the gang, arranged bail for them, and helped in disposal of stolen property. Initially, she had accused the police of harassment and approached senior officials, but further investigation revealed her active involvement in orchestrating the crimes.

Police perspective

While speaking to BM, Inspector Sadiq Pasha of Doddaballapura Police Station, who led the operation, said, "These are repeat offenders who know how to exploit gaps in the system. They plan their movements with precision, avoid electronic surveillance, and choose houses after careful study. But in this case, a stolen gadget gave us the lead we needed. We acted immediately, tracked them down, and within hours recovered the jewellery and valuables".

Police also noted that the arrested men bore identical tattoos, a "Teach Peace" symbol on their chest and the number "313" on their hand believed to be a gang marker. The group was traced to their temporary hideout near Kudlu Gate, close to Parappana Agrahara, where they were apprehended. The quick recovery of the stolen property brought relief to the victims, with police tracing the suspects thanks to their presence of mind.

B'luru woman duped of over ₹8 lakh by online acquaintance

A 32-year-old woman has filed a complaint alleging cheating, extortion of Rs 8 lakh and harassment by a man she befriended on Facebook.

According to her complaint, the victim, who resides in her aunt's house in Banashankari and works at her provision store, came into contact with a man named Swaroop Gowda in 2022.

The two exchanged numbers, began chatting frequently, and met on several occasions.

Later, Swaroop claimed he was facing financial problems and needed money to fight a court case. Trusting him, the victim transferred Rs 4,42,000 via UPI in installments.

The accused later demanded more money, allegedly threatening the victim, claiming to possess her private videos. Fearing exposure, she pawned her jewellery and handed him an additional Rs 4 lakh in cash. Despite repeated requests, Swaroop failed to return the money and allegedly abused and threatened her further.

The complaint stated that on one occasion, when the victim confronted Swaroop near a bus stop in Sunkadakatte, he allegedly verbally abused her, kicked her, and dragged her in public, causing humiliation.

Later, he purportedly sent her private videos, threatening to forward them to her husband if she persisted.

The victim also accused Swaroop's associate, Giri, of intimidating her on August 25, 2025, near Basaveshwaranagar, warning her against pursuing the matter and threatening to upload her videos online.

An FIR has been registered in Kamakshipalya Police Station. **BMB**

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B'luru lags while smaller towns take the lead in waste technology

QR codes, scheduled pickups, citizen reporting are helping neighbouring municipalities stay clean while B'luru falls behind

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Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India, is choking under its own rubbish. Streets in several neighbourhoods are littered with garbage, and residents continue to grapple with overflowing bins, delayed collections, and inconsistent sanitation services. While the city struggles with these persistent problems, smaller neighbouring municipalities such as Doddaballapur and Tumakuru are setting benchmarks in urban waste management, demonstrating what is possible with innovation and accountability.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Dedicated collection centres in Doddaballapur help residents dispose of rubbish efficiently

Doddaballapur: Tracking trash digitally

Doddaballapur City Municipality has pioneered a tech-driven solution to streamline waste collection. In collaboration with the Yuva Sanchalan organisation, the municipality launched the "Nagar Seva" digital platform, which enables monitoring of every household's waste disposal. Residents in the 27th ward were first surveyed, and QR codes were issued for each home. Sanitation workers scan these codes during collection, ensuring accountability and documenting which households comply with disposal norms.

The system goes further by tracking the sanitation workers themselves, verifying that each ward is covered efficiently. Households that fail to dispose of rubbish correctly receive three-day notices, followed by a ₹50 daily fine for continued non-compliance. Additionally, residents can report missed collections or overflowing bins via the website, alerting authorities to take immediate corrective action. Dedicated collection centres are also being set up in each ward, allowing residents to dispose of waste at convenient times, with QR codes ensuring proper monitoring. According to Municipal Commissioner Kartikeshwar, the pilot has been a success, and the system is set to expand across all 31 wards of the city.

Tumakuru: Garbage pickup, food delivery-style

Not far behind, Tumakuru City Corporation has reimagined waste collection in the style of a food delivery service. Under the "Pick My Garbage" initiative, residents can schedule rubbish collections at their convenience using WhatsApp, QR codes, or a dedicated web portal. Those without digital access can even call the municipal helpline. Two-wheeler collection vehicles then arrive at the scheduled time to collect the waste directly from households, addressing the persistent issue of unattended rubbish that often litter the streets.

The system, first piloted in 10 wards, has expanded to all 35 wards within a month. Commissioner BV Ashwija emphasised that this method allows organ-

Doddaballapur's QR-based monitoring and Tumakuru's on-demand collection system demonstrate how innovation and accountability can transform urban sanitation

ised, timely, and convenient waste disposal, ensuring a cleaner city without the typical gaps in municipal services.

Vikas D, an activist, said, "While Doddaballapur and Tumakuru showcase the potential of innovation in waste management, Bengaluru continues to lag, despite being a city with far greater resources. Technology-driven tracking, scheduled collections, and citizen reporting mechanisms are simple yet effective tools that can dramatically improve urban sanitation. By learning from these smaller municipalities, Bengaluru could implement QR-based monitoring for homes, adopt scheduled collections to prevent unattended waste, and empower residents to report issues in real-time. Bengaluru's failure to keep its streets clean is not due to a lack of manpower or resources—it is a failure of innovation, accountability, and execution." As Doddaballapur and Tumakuru demonstrate, it is possible to turn waste management into a systematic, citizen-friendly operation, even in cities with limited budgets. Bengaluru can no longer afford to ignore these lessons.

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Stench spot
Amrutahalli

Garbage dumped behind Sobha HRC Pristine has turned the crossroads into a stinking black spot. The BBMP must act and install a camera before the waste spreads further.

Rubble chaos
Madhavnagar

Near Race Course Road, BWSSB's stalled work has left Madhavnagar's road in ruins, causing severe inconvenience for residents and motorists.

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That my client **Mr. Charan R Gowda S/o Ramamurthy,** Aged about 20 Years, AADHAAR NO.3779 6715 2478, R/at: Devanagondi Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District Intends to purchase the schedule property from land owner namely Sri. Anandachari B C S/o Chikka Ramachari, Aged about 49 years, R/at: Bhodanahosahalli Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District., If any persons having right, title or interest in the schedule property must notify to the undersigned with documentary proof there of within 3 days of this publication of this notice failing which it shall be presumed that no person has any right, title or interest in the schedule property and accordingly our client will proceed to purchase of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO.1

All that piece and parcel of an agricultural property bearing Sy. No. 222/2 measuring 29 ¾ guntas situated at Devanagondi Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District bounded as follows:- **East by:** 12 feet Road, **West by:** Property belongs to D M Sathyanarayana, **North by:** Property belongs to D M Srinivas, **South by:** Property belongs to Smt. Narayanamma and Ors.

ITEM NO.2

All that piece and parcel of an agricultural property bearing Sy. No. 222/3 measuring 29½ guntas situated at Devanagondi Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, bounded as follows:- **East by:** 12 feet Road, **West by:** Sy. No.224 and 221. **North by:** Property belongs to Lakshmi and D V Ananth Kumar, **South by:** Property belongs to B C Ananthachari.

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Sd/- President/MEMBER
District Consumer Redressal Commission, Giridih

Govt installs water facilities at Vidhana Soudha

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For the first time in the annals of Vidhana Soudha, a drinking water facility has been provided for visitors and security personnel posted at strategic locations. Thousands of people visit Vidhana Soudha for various reasons, while hundreds of security personnel are on duty round the clock at the massive structure. For the first time in the annals of Vidhana Soudha, a drinking water facility has been provided for visitors and security personnel. Thousands of people visit the seat of power daily, while hundreds of security staff are on duty round the clock at the massive structure.

Until now, they had no access to drinking water. The government has installed six RO plants following the directions of Assembly Speaker UT Khader, ensuring water for visitors, security personnel, and the general public.

One of the RO plants put up at the exit gate of Vidhana Soudha near Metro Station

"It has been a struggle of five months. I noticed people waiting at the entrance without access to drinking water and submitted a letter to the Speaker. I am happy to see six RO plants installed at different locations. I am grateful to Speaker Khader for taking this initiative," said Sameen Ahmed, a social activist from Shivajinagar.

According to PWD assistant engineer Srinath, the RO plants were installed in line with the Speaker's directions. "The project was completed at an estimated cost of ₹12 lakh," he said. The plants at the entry and exit gates and other key locations have been of great help. "I have been visiting Vidhana Soudha to meet officials and ministers. Earlier, there was no drinking water. Now, I am happy to see RO plants at different points," said Venkatesh N, a visitor.

Appreciating the move, Faiz Akram Pasha, founder-president of the Karnataka State Jana Sadbhawana Organisation, said, "I want to thank all those responsible for the installation of the RO plants."

Highlighting that pedestrians too benefit, Paramesh M, a passer-by, said, "I am one of the beneficiaries of the RO plant near the exit gate. The public can also use this facility." Another visitor, speaking on condition of anonymity, said drinking water was available inside Vidhana Soudha but not outside. "The RO plants near the stairs and Gate No. 4 will be a great help to those visiting on weekends. They will no longer need to buy bottled water from vendors at inflated prices," he said.

65-year-old woman killed in hit-and-run

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A 65-year-old woman, Gangamma, was killed in a hit-and-run accident near a temple in Chikkabanavara on Monday.

Gangamma, a resident of Dasarahalli, had visited the temple with her family. After offering prayers, she was seated on the temple steps waiting for her relatives.

At that moment, a cab driver, who had also visited the temple, reversed his parked vehicle and struck her fatally. Onlookers rushed the bleeding woman to a nearby hospital, but she succumbed to her injuries.

The driver fled the scene with the vehicle immediately after the accident. Chikkabanavara police have registered a hit-and-run case and are actively searching for the absconding driver.

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Engineering dreams crushed as CET seats blocked

Students blocking CET seats benefit colleges' management quota, deny spot to deserving candidates; KEA probe on as loopholes in admissions system emerge

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Despite paying admission fees, as many as 758 students who secured seats through the Common Entrance Test (CET) this year failed to join their allotted colleges, effectively "blocking" valuable engineering seats. The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has issued show-cause notices to these candidates, warning that those who fail to provide valid reasons will be barred from future CET seat allotments.

Blocked CET seats in high-demand streams like Computer Science and Electronics raise concerns

Repeat scam pattern

This malpractice is not new. Last year, over 2,300 students were caught blocking seats, leading to police cases and arrests. Yet, the scam continues. Preliminary KEA investigations reveal that most blocked seats belong to high-demand streams, including 207 in Computer Science, 82 in Electronics and Communication, and 28 in Mechanical Engineering, particularly in reputed institutions.

Fee loophole exploited

Of the 758 students, nearly 250 belong to SC/ST categories, where the admission fee is as low as 10, making it easy to block seats without financial burden. Over 500 others paid partial or full fees but still failed to claim admission. KEA has now announced that all such fees will be forfeited.

Management quota nexus

Seat blocking is alleged to benefit private colleges. Nearly 45% of their seats are surrendered to KEA under government quota, with fixed fees of 1.07 lakh. However, the same colleges charge 20–70 lakh under management quota, often with hefty donations. When government-quota seats remain vacant due to blocking, they revert to management quota, enabling colleges to sell them at exorbitant rates.

KEA Executive Director H Prasanna confirmed the malpractice, stating, "Show-cause notices have been issued, and many students claim their seats were blocked without their knowledge. We are verifying the matter." Another senior official said this year's revelations once again highlight how negligence and manipulation allow prestigious seats worth lakhs to be blocked and converted into management quota seats—denying genuine aspirants their rightful opportunities while fueling a money-making racket.

Power bills on 3 months' average

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BESCOM announced that electricity bills for consumers within Greater Bengaluru Authority (BBMP) limits will be generated based on the average of the past three months' consumption between October 1 and 15. The move follows an upgrade of the billing software by the utility's IT department. During this period, meter readers will not take physical readings in these areas. Consumers can pay bills through the BESCOM Mitra app, UPI apps, or at sub-division offices. BESCOM clarified that the temporary change will not affect beneficiaries of the Gruha Jyothi scheme. **–BMB**

Filmmaker loses over ₹4L in dubbing rights scam

Kannada filmmaker Rajendra Singh Babu has lodged a complaint with Yeshwanthpura police after being duped by a man posing as a businessman, promising a lucrative dubbing and Telugu rights deal worth 1.4 crore for his upcoming film Rakta Kashmir.

He lost 4.25 lakh in the scam. According to the complaint, the accused, introducing himself as Naveen Kumar, gained Babu's confidence by assuring quick payment once the deal was finalised. Under the guise of "processing formalities," he collected sensitive documents, including the director's Aadhaar, PAN, and bank details. Using this information, the fraudster allegedly accessed Babu's bank account and siphoned off the money, shocking the filmmaker when unexpected transaction alerts arrived on his phone.

Police have registered a case and are tracing the siphoned funds. Investigators suspect the beneficiary account may have been opened using forged documents.

This incident adds to a growing list of cyber frauds targeting high-profile individuals in Bengaluru. Recently, hackers accessed the phones of actor Upendra and his wife Priyanka, diverting 1.65 lakh from their account. In another case, the wife of MP K Sudhakar, a doctor, was duped of 14 lakh after being threatened over a fabricated legal case. **–BMB**

All eyes on complaint box for whistle-blowers

Indiranagar police install complaint boxes to encourage anonymity, but residents question effectiveness, demand stronger vigilance, quicker response, and improved trust

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Residents of Indiranagar who witness criminal activities or face harassment by miscreants but hesitate to visit the Indiranagar Police Station due to fear of disclosing their identity now have an option to remain anonymous. They need not personally approach the station. Instead, victims or whistle-blowers can drop written complaints in special complaint boxes installed at different locations across Indiranagar.

One such complaint box has been placed at BM Shree Junction, also known as KFC Junction, by the Indiranagar Police Station for the benefit of residents wishing to remain unnamed. The box is properly secured with a chain and lock to ensure safety and confidentiality. According to the Inspector at Indiranagar Police Station, such complaint boxes are placed in five locations across the station limits. "Police personnel attached to Hoysala vehicles have the keys to these complaint boxes. They open the boxes and collect the complaints, if any, before taking them to the station. However, generally, the public do not drop complaints in these boxes," he said.

The initiative, however, has drawn mixed reactions from Indiranagar residents. While some see it as a step toward providing anonymity, others question its effectiveness. "I am familiar with BM Shree Junction but was unaware of the existence of the complaint box set up by Indiranagar Police Station. In any case, people often complain that visiting the police station is an unpleasant experience. Many are made to wait for hours. If such is the situation, how can complainants expect their written grievances to be taken seriously when dropped in a box? How will they know if action has been taken?" asked Satish Rao, a local social worker.

A complaint box put up at KFC Junction by Indiranagar Police Station

Echoing similar skepticism, another social activist, Vinod Jacob, said residents do not need complaint boxes in public places since even postal boxes have diminished. "What people want is stronger vigilance and regular patrolling in their neighborhoods. The complaint boxes are unnecessary since the public is already aware of the 112 helplines. Additionally, each police station could create an official suggestion email ID for citizens, or prominently display station contact numbers to enable direct communication and faster response from police authorities," he suggested.

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It may be recalled that in March 2013, then Police Commissioner BG Jyothiprakash Mirji issued a circular directing all police stations to place complaint boxes on school and college campuses under their jurisdiction. He had also instructed authorities to brief students and staff about the proper use of these boxes.

Arkavathy's low oxygen, high ammonia ring alarm bells

CWC report reveals Arkavathy and Karnataka rivers plagued by chemical and bacterial pollution, urging immediate action to restore water quality and protect ecosystems

The Arkavathy River stretch near DB Kuppe is showing alarming signs of pollution, according to a recent report by the Central Water Commission (CWC).

From low oxygen levels to high bacterial contamination, along with elevated ammonia and nitrate levels, the river is struggling under neglect. The report highlights that in 2024, the river stretch at DB Kuppe recorded a critically low dissolved oxygen (DO) concentration of 1.98 mg/l during the pre-monsoon period, far below the minimum 5 mg/l required to support aquatic life. Oxygen levels at both monitored stations have dropped further compared with 2023, indicating worsening water quality.

Total Coliforms (TC) were also found to be dangerously high, exceeding the permissible limit of 500 MPN/100 mL. Levels reached as high as 6,294,667 MPN/100 mL, a significant surge from 2023. The CWC report stresses that the persistent high TC levels throughout the year underscore the urgent need for improved sanitation infrastructure, strict control of non-point source pollution, and promotion of sustainable practices to protect water quality.

Similarly, ammonia and nitrate levels were found to be much higher than permissible values, indicating organic and chemical pollution. The report also notes that other rivers in Karnataka, including Cauvery, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Bhadra, Tunga, Ghataprabha, Bhima, and Malaprabha, show elevated total and fecal coliform levels, reflecting widespread organic contamination.

Experts say the consistent detection of elevated coliform levels underscores the need for robust river monitoring protocols, improved wastewater treatment infrastructure, responsible agricultural practices, and enhanced public awareness to preserve river ecosystems.

Alarming ammonia trends have persisted across several river systems, primarily driven by industrial discharges, agricultural runoff, and urban wastewater. Untreated or inadequately treated effluents from industrial activities, combined with urban sewage, contribute significantly to the deterioration of water quality in these rivers, the report highlights.

Water sampling reveals dangerously high total coliforms threatening aquatic life in Arkavathy

Experts say persistent elevated coliform levels highlight urgent need for robust river monitoring, enhanced wastewater treatment, responsible farming, strict pollution control, and increased public awareness to protect river ecosystems

The CWC findings indicate that without immediate intervention, continued pollution could severely impact aquatic biodiversity, public health, and the overall ecological balance of Karnataka's river systems. Comprehensive strategies addressing both point and non-point pollution sources are essential to restore Arkavathy and other rivers in the state.

— BMB

From Bandipur forests to global recognition

Bengaluru-based artist and conservationist Sunita Dhairyam has been awarded the 2025 Simon Combes Conservation Award, a prestigious global honour that recognises extraordinary lifetime contributions to conservation through art. Presented annually by Artists for Conservation (AFC), it is the organisation's highest recognition.

Sunita's journey has always been deeply intertwined with India's forests and wildlife. Over the years, she has worked tirelessly to blend her passion for art with conservation, using her creative skills to tell compelling stories about animals and their fragile habitats. Her art reflects the struggles and beauty of India's most threatened species while also spotlighting the human-wildlife conflicts that plague many protected landscapes.

Her life in Bandipur began in 1995 with the purchase of a piece of land bordering the tiger reserve. Inspired by the forests and their challenges, she founded the Mariamma Charitable Trust in 2007 to bridge the gap between people and wildlife along South India's fragile forest fringes. Her early work focused

The Bandipur forests that shaped Sunita's conservation journey

on villages around Bandipur, where she sought to reduce human-wildlife conflict—particularly retaliatory killings triggered by livestock losses—helping communities move from conflict toward coexistence.

Sunita has also spearheaded Animal Birth Control programmes to manage dog and cat populations in forest-fringe villages, vaccinating them against diseases such as rabies, parvovirus, and Canine Distemper Virus (CDV). These initiatives have helped safeguard both pets and wild predators, ensuring healthier ecosystems. Another significant achievement is Belaku Kendra, a training centre for marginalised rural women. Here, women learn tailoring, crocheting, and other skills, enabling them to secure sustainable livelihoods. Many participants come from families directly affected by conflict or poverty. Their empowerment has fostered economic independence while strengthening community support for wildlife conservation.

As a wildlife artist, Sunita draws inspiration from the very landscapes she strives to protect, making her art inseparable from her activism. A Signature Member of Artists for Conservation since 2012, her recognition with the Simon Combes Award underscores a lifetime of dedication to nature, people, and art. — BMB

GST or SARFAESI: Depends on chronology of creation

Decisive factor not which law is newer, but date when charges created

IN HIGH COURT

The Karnataka High Court has clarified that when there is a conflict between the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act and the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, the priority of charge over a property depends on the chronology of their creation. The court held that whichever charge, GST or SARFAESI, was created first will prevail over the other.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj delivered the ruling while allowing a petition filed by Canara Bank. The bank had challenged an encumbrance created by the State Commercial Tax Department on a property already mortgaged to it, contending that the charge for GST dues came later than the bank's mortgage.

The Commercial Tax Department had argued that only claims under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) could override the GST Act and further claimed that since the GST Act is more recent than the SARFAESI Act, it should automatically prevail. The court rejected this stance, making it clear that the decisive factor is not which law is newer, but the date on which the respective charges were created.

The judgment noted that a GST claim is not enforceable until the tax authorities complete the assessment and formally record the charge in public documents such as an encumbrance certificate or property card. Hence, the timing of the creation of charges becomes crucial. In this case, Canara Bank had created its mortgage charge in 2017, whereas the Commercial Tax Department recorded its charge only in 2019.

Accordingly, the court directed the department to remove its encumbrance and allowed Canara Bank to proceed with the auction of the property to recover its dues. At the same time, the court added that if the bank's recovery left any surplus amount, it should be deposited with the department for adjustment against outstanding GST liabilities.

Stay on multiplex ticket price cap

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday declined to interfere with a single judge's interim order that had paused the implementation of the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2025. The amendment, introduced by the state, sought to fix the maximum ticket price at Rs 200.

On September 23, a single judge stayed the rules while hearing a petition from the Multiplex Association of India and other exhibitors. A vacation bench of Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice Rajesh Rai K has now extended that protection, stating that wider interests would be served by keeping the interim stay in place.

The court directed the Multiplex Association and its members, including PVR INOX, to maintain detailed accounts of every ticket sold, excluding GST. They must also separately track bookings made online and in cash. If their legal challenge fails, the judges said, electronic payments could be refunded to customers, while issues concerning cash transactions would be addressed later. Should the petitioners succeed, they would be entitled to retain the amounts collected.

The respondents have been asked to file their objections within four weeks. The matter will be heard again on November 25.

26-yr-long row

Adjudicating a dispute that has lingered for 26 years, the Karnataka High Court has upheld the State government's decision, initiated through notices issued between 1984 and 1986, to resume 75 acres of land in Ballari.

The land had originally been conditionally granted in January 1963 by the erstwhile State of Mysore to the Bellary Spinning and Weaving Company Ltd. for the establishment of a spinning and weaving mill. The company was later wound up in 1987. The court dismissed the claim of a public sector bank that had advanced a loan to the company in November 1963 by accepting the land and the mill as mortgage security. The bank had argued that the loan was a secured credit because the company possessed absolute ownership of the land, thereby excluding the government's right of resumption.

–BMB

DKS rules out 'congestion tax'

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday ruled out any move by the state government to levy a "congestion tax" in Bengaluru, a measure that had been discussed as part of efforts to ease the city's traffic woes. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, dismissed the opposition BJP's criticism on the issue, saying such a proposal may be the Centre's plan.

According to official sources, the congestion tax was among the measures discussed at a recent meeting on an action plan to decongest Bengaluru.

Urban experts reportedly deliberated on introducing a levy on single-occupant cars to discourage such use, and suggested piloting the initiative on the busy Outer Ring Road (ORR).

"All those things are false; there is no such tax or anything. Some industrialists, for the benefit of Bengaluru's citizens, have said that they will give some suggestions, but it has not come to my level," Shivakumar told reporters.

"Many citizens are cooperating and giving certain suggestions out of interest towards Bengaluru. Their suggestions will be examined," he added, when asked if the government was considering taxing single-occupant cars during peak hours.

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Mistake in food order proves too costly

A city resident has lost more than ₹1.6 lakh in an online fraud after trying to get a refund for a mistaken food order. According to the complaint filed, the incident took place on September 27. The complainant had ordered food on an app, but accidentally entered the wrong delivery address. While searching for customer care support online, he found a toll-free number – 18002086759 – on Google and called it seeking a refund.

Soon after, the complainant was contacted on WhatsApp by an unknown person. The fraudster instructed him to enter his first five mobile digits on the PhonePe application as part of the refund process. Believing the instructions to be genuine, the complainant followed the steps.

Moments later, money began disappearing from his bank accounts. A sum of ₹10,000 was first deducted from his bank account. Soon after, ₹70,380 was withdrawn from the same account, In total, the complainant lost ₹80,380. Realising he had been cheated, the complainant approached the police.

Police officials have registered the complaint and initiated legal action to trace the accused.

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CM orders major reshuffle

Facing dissatisfaction within the party over appointments to corporations, boards, and authorities, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah approved a round of changes on Monday. The discontent stemmed from allegations that leadership loyalists were being favoured over committed party workers.

In a key move, BMTC chairman M Niketh Raj was demoted to vice-chairman, while VS Aradhya, who had earlier refused the vice-chairman post citing lack of recognition for his seniority, was elevated as chairman. Sources said the reshuffle followed instructions from Delhi after complaints reached the high command. Similarly, Kalaburagi leader Neelkanth Rao Mulge, who was earlier denied the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation post, has now been appointed chairman of the State Sambhar Development Board in Hubballi.

The government also cleared fresh appointments: Syed Mehmood Chishti as chairman of the State Pulses Development Board, Kalaburagi; Sharanappa Saladhpur as chairman of the State Prohibition Board; BS Kavalagi as chairman of the Karnataka Lemon Development Board, Vijayapura; Anjanappa as chairman of the State Seeds Corporation, Bengaluru; and Anil Kumar Jamadar as vice-chairman of the Jawahar Bal Bhavan Society, Bengaluru.

Price hikes no bar for festival rush

Despite soaring prices of flowers and ash gourd, Bengaluru's markets saw a surge in shopping on Monday as households, factories, and shops began early preparations for Ayudha Puja and the Vijayadashami holiday. KR Market, Madiwala, Malleswaram, Gandhi Bazaar, KR Puram, Vijayanagar, and Jayanagar were brimming with flowers, fruits, pumpkins, lemons, and other puja essentials. With some residents travelling to their hometowns, many performed vehicle-pujas on Monday evening, adding to the crowd.

This year's heavy rains damaged crops in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, pushing ash gourd prices to ₹40–60/kg, while roses soared to ₹250–300/kg wholesale and ₹400–450/kg retail. Chrysanthemums ranged from ₹100–250/kg wholesale and up to ₹350/kg retail, while marigolds fell to ₹30–50/kg. Other flowers, such as Kanakambara, Jasmine, and Sugandha Raja, saw moderate price hikes.

People buy flowers, ash gourd, plantain leaves for Ayudha pooja on Mahanavami, at Gandhi Bazar and KR Market on Tuesday

Groundnuts rose to ₹10/litre, and puja items like banana stems, turmeric, kumkum, and camphor became costlier. Traders at KR Market complained that business had fallen by 50% due to parking restrictions, dampening sales despite the festival rush.

Lectures resume as staff retained

The Karnataka government has directed that guest lecturers who served last year will continue until the ongoing 2025–26 semester concludes. The decision, taken by the Higher Education Department based on the Advocate General's legal opinion, provides temporary relief in the recruitment dispute that had delayed appointments.

Despite two months of classes already being underway in government degree colleges, students had been deprived of lectures due to the impasse.

The government clarified that current guest lecturers will remain in charge until the end of the semester, after which posts may be filled from among applicants meeting UGC norms. The dispute arose after over 49,000 applications were received for approximately 10,000 posts, with nearly 29,000 applicants lacking the minimum eligibility.

Court challenges and protests by student bodies such as the ABVP and AIDSO had intensified pressure on the government, with demonstrations even staged outside the Higher Education Minister's residence.

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SHRC still uses app in its adverts

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Ordinary citizens could register grievances easily, and the app offered updates in both English and Kannada, making it accessible to a wider section of people.

Users recall that the app was particularly important for keeping track of human rights violations, as it provided transparency on how the Commission was handling cases. It is learnt that the SHRC officials themselves had written letters to the Commission's chairman, urging that the app be upgraded for compatibility with newer devices. Despite this, no progress has been made in updating the platform. The matter has been known to the Commission for over two years.

Removed from Play Store, yet advertised

When BM checked recently, the app was no longer available for download on the Google Play Store. Interestingly, despite being non-functional, the app continues to figure in the SHRC's annual advertisements published in newspapers.

These contradictions, of promoting an app that does not work, has not gone unnoticed by the public. Many complainants and students who once depended on the service are now questioning why no steps have been taken to revive or replace it.

"We are working on upgrading the app for 5G users. For this, we need to correspond with the government, and the process is underway," the Secretary of SHRC told BM. When asked why the app is not available on the Play Store, the Secretary clarified that it can currently be accessed online, though he did not elaborate or provide further details. "We will make it available to the public as soon as possible," he added.

It's been two years since this "simple" upgrade began. For now, users are left to manage links and mails instead of a proper app, language issues included.

13% of Bengaluru's plastic waste included PVC

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Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) just before and after the ban was imposed in 2022.

Surveys were conducted in Yelahanka and Malleshwaram market in the north zone, KR Market and Madiwala in the south zone, Russell Market and Shivaji Market in the east zone, and Yeshwanthpur and Kengeri in the west zone of the city.

The inventory was done on door-to-door dry waste samples collected from three residential wards - high-income ward (HSR Layout), middle-income ward (Attiguppe), and low-income ward (Lakkasandra).

One mixed commercial and residential ward (Hongasandra) and one commercial ward (Mangammanapalya) were also included to collect the dry waste from these localities. The inventorisation was conducted at the material recovery facility operated by ITC.

The study also underlines that just before and after the bans were enforced, SUPs were being sold or used widely in the market. Close to 40% of all the markets surveyed were selling SUPs, whereas a little over 50% of the shops were selling or using the alternatives.

Overall, 20 cities and 137 markets across the country, including Bengaluru, were surveyed to assess the sales of SUPs and the availability of alternatives.

Polystrene overdose

Bengaluru, out of all the 20 cities, recorded the highest percentage of polystyrene in the plastic waste generated. Polystyrene is used for manufacturing packaging materials for appliance insulation, food service, and packaging crockery and cutlery, automobile parts, etc.

Similarly, nearly 13 percent of the plastic waste in Bengaluru included PVC, mostly used in construction and building materials like pipes, plumbing materials, windows, etc., and also in the packaging of certain edible items like dairy products, beverages, etc. In most of the remaining 19 cities that were surveyed, PVC formed less than 6% of the total plastic waste.

The study was conducted to assess the compliance of the SUP ban through characterisation of single-use plastic in municipal solid waste samples, and market survey of SUPs and alternatives to ascertain their availability.

 # Nicole-Keith marriage ends
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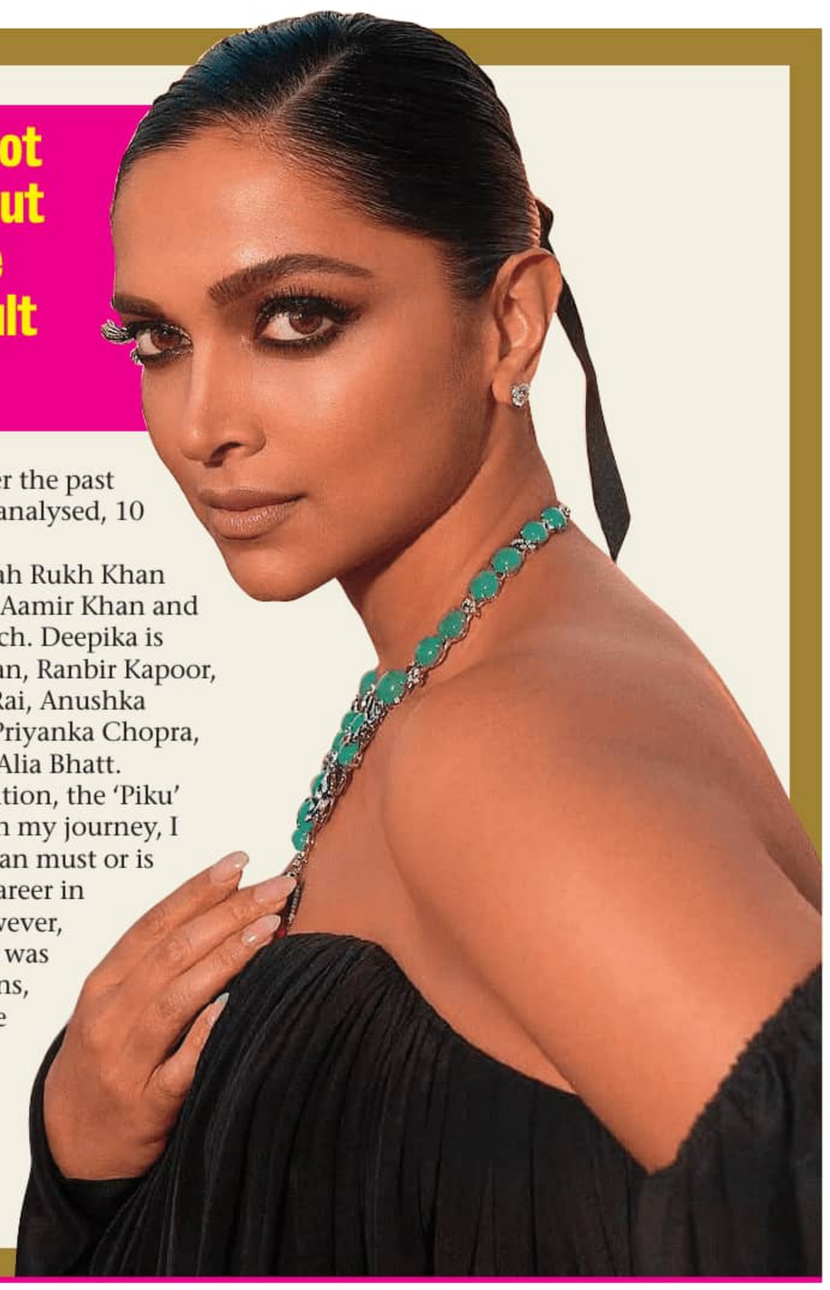
Deepika is not worried about taking the more difficult path



Deepika Padukone recently stirred quite a buzz with her exit from two major projects, 'Spirit' and 'Kalki 2898 AD'. Reports say she left 'Spirit', directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, reportedly over her request for an 8-hour workday. This decision sparked a wider conversation about work-life balance in the film industry.

Apart from 'Spirit ', earlier this month, the makers of 'Kalki 2898 AD' announced Deepika would not be part of the film.

Amid these exits, Deepika seems to have addressed the situation indirectly. The 'Om Shanti Om' actress stated in a report quoted by Hindustan Times that she has "never been afraid to ask questions, challenge norms, and push boundaries to redefine the expectations placed on women."

On Tuesday, IMDb released its report, 25 Years of Indian Cinema (2000-2025), analysing the top five most popular Indian films each year between 2000 and 2025. Deepika Padukone ranked fourth among actors with the most popular titles over the past 25 years. Out of 130 films analysed, 10 feature Deepika.

Padukone is behind Shah Rukh Khan with 20 titles, followed by Aamir Khan and Hrithik Roshan with 11 each. Deepika is ahead of Amitabh Bachchan, Ranbir Kapoor, Salman Khan, Aishwarya Rai, Anushka Sharma, Kareena Kapoor, Priyanka Chopra, Ajay Devgn, Prabhas, and Alia Bhatt.

Reacting to this recognition, the 'Piku' actress said, "When I began my journey, I was often told how a woman must or is expected to navigate her career in order to be successful. However, from the very beginning, I was never afraid to ask questions, ruffle feathers, walk a more difficult path and challenge the status quo in order to reshape the mould we have all been expected to fit into."

–ETimes

What Aish wore

Bollywood icon Aishwarya Rai captivated audiences as she walked the ramp at Paris Fashion Week 2025 during a public show titled 'Liberty. Equality. Sisterhood. Because You're Worth It', organised by French cosmetics giant L'Oreal Paris on Monday.

The actress stunned the attendees in a gorgeous black ensemble featuring intricate diamond embellishments. The outfit was designed by the ace fashion designer Manish Malhotra.

The 10-inch diamond-embroidered cuffs on her sleeves and the back of her coat were the highlights of her stunning all-black outfit.

The coat's structured tailoring and button-down front gave it a regal edge, and the fabric's faint sheen added a touch of refinement.

Aishwarya accessorised her look with a large diamond and emerald brooch. In the makeup department, the actress donned her signature red lipstick to add a bold touch to her sophisticated outfit.

The 'Guru' actress acknowledged her fans with flying kisses and the namaste pose as she walked the ramp in style.

–ANI

Travel restrictions on Rhea eased

Rhea Chakraborty has received major relief from the Bombay High Court, which has reportedly directed the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) to return her passport and permanently relax the bail conditions imposed during the Sushant Singh Rajput demise case.

Rhea was arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau on September 8, 2020, along with her brother and others, on allegations of financing and procuring drugs for late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's consumption. She was later granted bail by the trial court, but with a strict condition: she should not leave the country without prior permission from the special judge.

As reported by TOI's city desk, the Bombay High Court recently relaxed Rhea Chakraborty's bail conditions, allowing her to travel abroad with prior intimation to the investigation officers.

Chakraborty's lawyers contended that she is required to travel abroad for work and had to forgo assignments because of the delay in obtaining prior permission. They also said the chargesheet has already been submitted and pointed out that similar relaxation was granted to eight co-accused in the case.

–ETimes

Not girlfriend, it's fiancee

Tom Holland corrected a reporter who referred to Zendaya as his girlfriend. He got engaged to her in January, E! News reported.

The 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' star adorably corrected a journalist who referred to Zendaya--whom he got engaged to in January--as his "girlfriend" while speaking on a panel.

"I brought my daughter, and she got to meet your girlfriend," the reporter recalled of a recent event attended by the Euphoria actress in the clip shared to X. "So, I was father of the year," as quoted by E! News.

In response to the anecdote, Tom said, quickly correcting, "Fiancee."

In January, Tom Holland's father, Dominic Holland, shared exclusive details about his son's engagement to Zendaya, which the couple has kept largely private.

In a post on Patreon, Dominic confirmed that Tom had indeed proposed to Zendaya in a carefully planned and intimate moment, as per E! News.

Days after Zendaya subtly hinted at her engagement by sporting a stunning 5-carat ring at the 2025 Golden Globes, Tom's father revealed the heartfelt preparation behind the proposal.

After Zendaya and Tom Holland confirmed their engagement in January, following Zendaya sporting her ring at the Golden Globes, her stylist, Law Roach, revealed he will be involved in the wedding."It's far away," said Law at the Fashion Trust Awards in Los Angeles.

–ANI

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Gatha Vaibhava on Nov 14

The much-awaited movie Gatha Vaibhava (Past glory) is scheduled for release on November 14. The movie directed by Simple Suni went on the floors around four years ago. Dushyanth and Ashika Ranaganath are the lead pair in the movie.

The team unveiled its teaser at a hotel in the city recently. "The cast and crew of the movie worked hard. The movie has turned out well. Some movies became popular through publicity but this movie will become popular after it arrives in theaters. I thank the producer for providing all amenities during the shooting. Dushyanth is a natural actor. The movie has all ingredients including entertainment and emotion," said Simple Suni.

Dushyanth said the movie was shot for more than 100 days. "A portion of the movie was shot in Portugal. The movie's release was delayed due to the VFX work. I am sure Gatha Vaibhava will be among the more popular of the 10 movies directed by Simple Suni," said Dushyanth. Ashika Ranganath said that she is lucky to get the opportunity to act in this movie.

From serials to film

The team of Theertharoopa Thandeyavarige organised an event for unveiling the movie's first song. Ramenahalli Jagannath, known for handling the megaphone for Hondisi Bareyiri, has written the song's lyrics apart from directing the movie. The song Nanade Jagadali, an emotional song, was sung by Kapil Kapilan while Joe Costa scored music.

It is said the movie is also being made in Telugu. Nihar Mukesh, who earned name in Telugu tele serials, is playing the lead while Rachana Inder is paired opposite him. Ravindra Vijay, a Kannadiga who debuted in Telugu, makes debut in Sandalwood with this movie. Rajesh Nataranga, Sitara, and Ajith Hande have also acted in the movie. Director Ramenahalli Jagannath said the movie conveys a message to society on the importance of people being content with whatever they have. "The movie is emotional. Though the title of the movie suggests a bond between a father and his son, the movie also showcases the bonding between a mother and her son," said Jagannath.

He said the shooting of the movie is completed and the post-production works are in progress.

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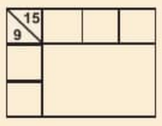
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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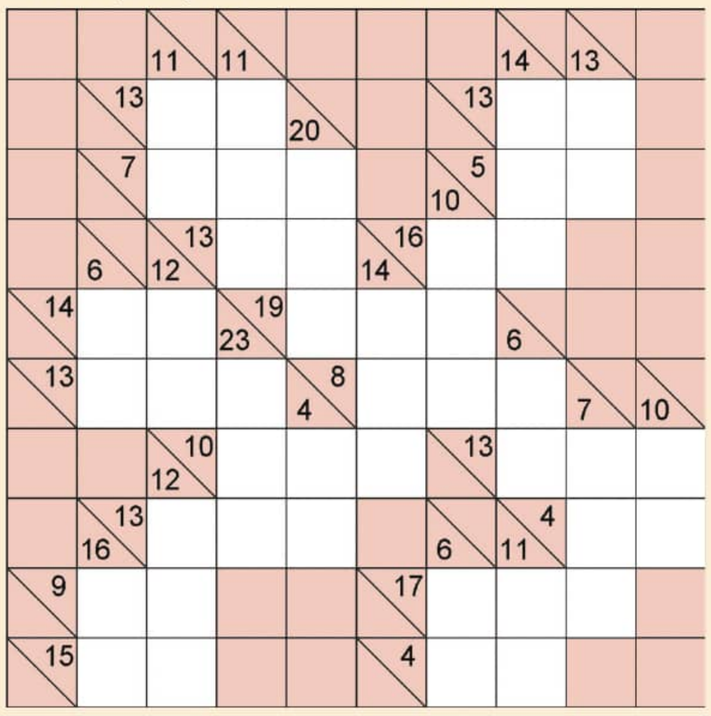

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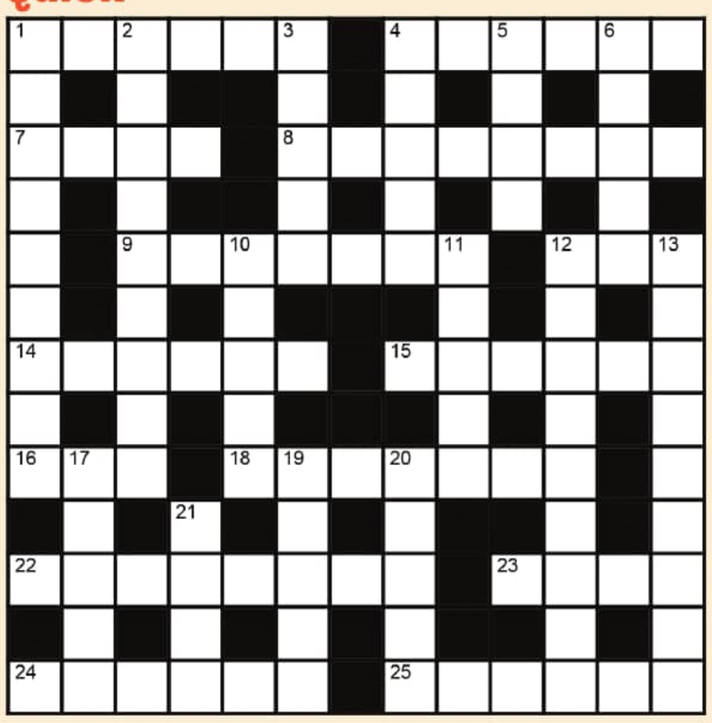


ACROSS

1 Swallow (6)
4 You will find the planetarium on this road (6)
7 The stomach of an animal (4)
8 Youthful (8)
9 Inheritance (7)
12 Any doctrine (3)
14 Scared (6)
15 Inquiring of (6)
16 Agreed (3)
18 Islands of Pacific and adjacent seas (7)
22 Dr ___ Prasad : First President of India (8)
23 A prefix meaning "of small size or length" (4)
24 Road (6)
25 ____ out : smoothed out? (6)

DOWN

1 Go with (9)
2 Sheaths of swords, etc. (9)
3 A trinket, a jewel or a little box? (5)
4 Rescues (5)
5 Religious sisters (4)
6 New York island? (5)
10 Ecuador's capital (5)
11 Famous boxer (5)
12 Counterfeit (9)
13 Enlarged (9)
17 Praise to the skies (5)
19 Military student (5)
20 Dickens' title starter (1,4)
21 Pop in Paris (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS G

GCDYCCJ IOXQJK OJS SBQJK ZOJX O MOQN BH ILBCI QI YBNJ BPD.

Linemaro

The only thing I want to change about you is your last name

Mindchow

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult

Joke of the day

I find his films about as funny as getting an arrow through the neck and discovering there's a gas bill tied to it

Loop

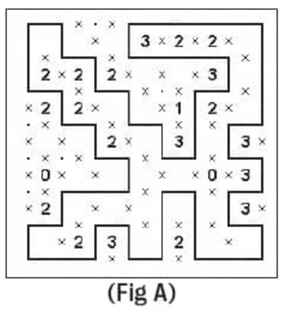
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

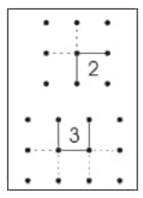
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

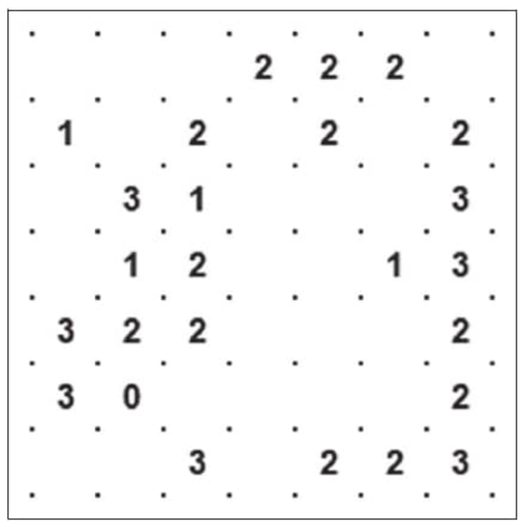
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



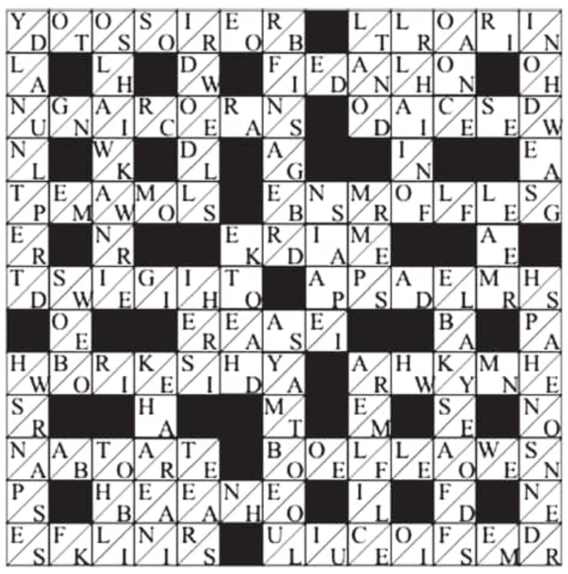
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



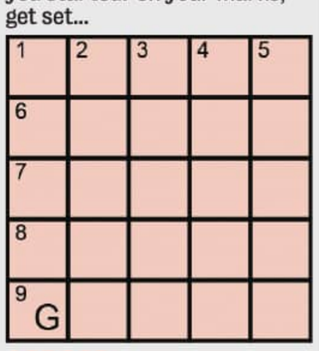
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

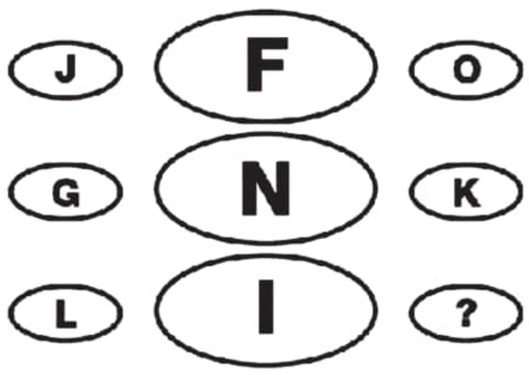
1 Trail; 6 Ham my; 7 Is imp; 8 In EEC; 9 Glide

DOWN

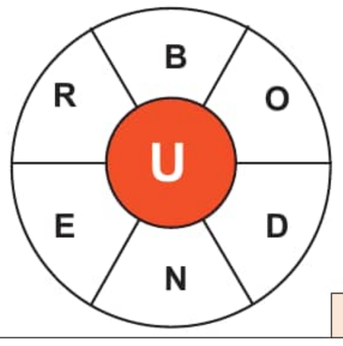
1 Night; 2 Aimer; 3 Lip me; 4 I mica; 5 Sly Ed

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; **13** Good; **15** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		1		5			4	7
4			1					8
	8	9	6			2		
7	1			3		5		
		4		7			3	2
		3			5	7	2	
2					3			1
5	4			6		8		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 13

2 6 8 9

Medium

= 26

1 3 6 9

Hard

= 6

3 3 6 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Woman's hat is smaller. 2. Spoon is longer. 3. Neckline is different. 4. Pot handle is lower. 5. Window in door is larger. 6. Woman's hair is different.

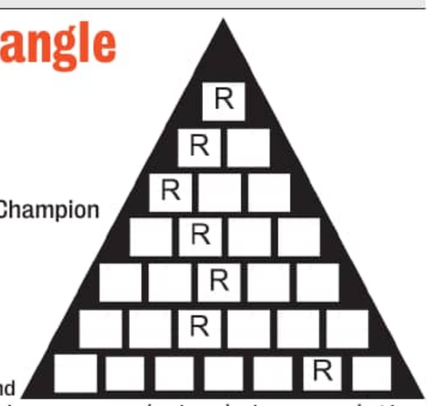
Riddler

In this teaser, your job is to discover the missing word that links the two given words. The dashes indicate the number of letters in the missing word

1. Arm _ _ _ _ _ Lift
2. Cream _ _ _ _ Adder
3. Wood _ _ _ _ Bench

Alpha triangle

1 18th letter
2 Radium symbol
3 Ewe's mate
4 Military force
5 Wed
6 2013 Wimbledon Champion
7 Arsenal



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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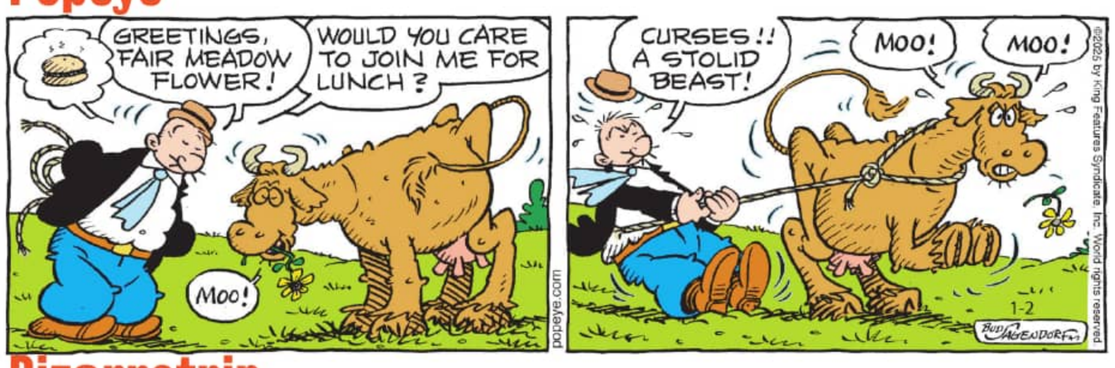

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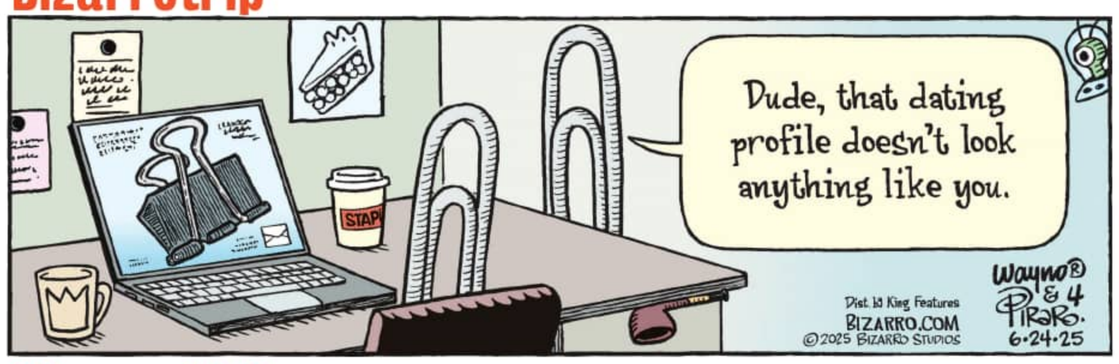

Diamond Lil

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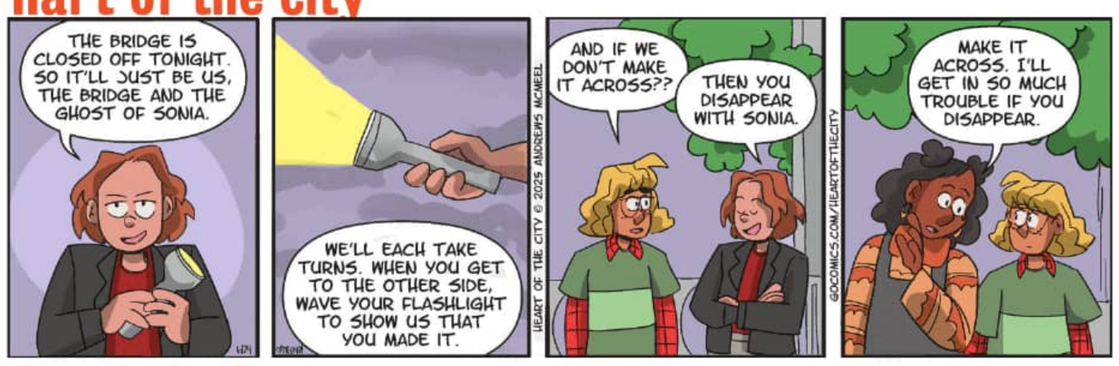
THANK YOU, LIL

Hart of the city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WE'LL EACH TAKE TURNS. WHEN YOU GET TO THE OTHER SIDE, WAVE YOUR FLASHLIGHT TO SHOW US THAT YOU MADE IT.
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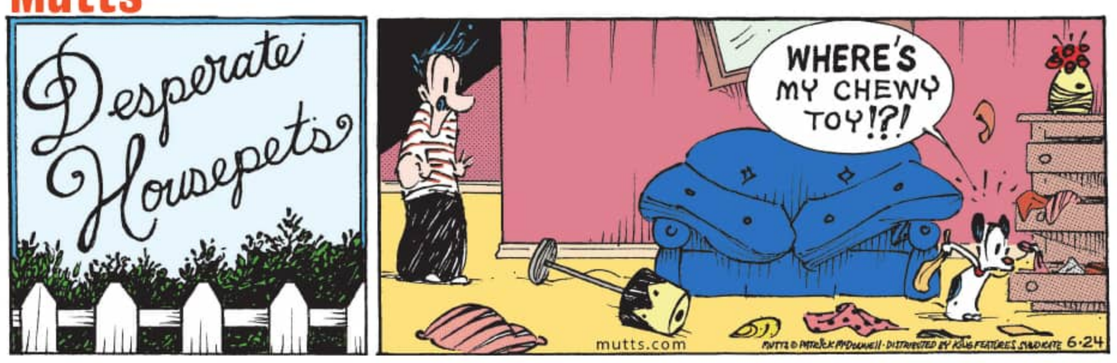

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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If it's your birthday today

This year highlights leadership, fresh starts, and bolder ambitions. You'll find courage to take risks, drawing others toward your energy. Relationships deepen when you show vulnerability, not just strength. Finances gradually stabilise as new opportunities open. Trust your instincts in creative ventures. Embrace balance between work and rest, ensuring momentum doesn't exhaust you. Growth feels natural.

CAPRICORN

Make peace with your past by recognising your worth and unique needs without judgement. Stop seeking external approval, rekindle your inner spark, and give yourself the pep talk to choose wisely.

TAURUS

Invite your inner child to play and channel fresh creative energy into realistic goals. Small, steady actions build momentum. Visualise invincibility; what you see inwardly shapes outward reality, and believe it.

VIRGO

Leave your headspace by going out and noticing signs; your thoughts are answered prayers. Shed what no longer serves you, choose tenderness, and prioritise self-care so everything else follows naturally.

AQUARIUS

Patience, persistence, and gentle planning will advance you now; your psychic senses sharpen. Spend time outdoors, live mindfully, release grind-mindset, and welcome ease.

GEMINI

Balance is not fixed; it consists of choices and their outcomes. Reprioritise tasks, release redundant commitments, and let angels carry burdens while divine guidance now offers creative solutions and miracles.

LIBRA

Your unique perspective is your lantern; don't seek answers externally. Leading a new path can feel solitary, yet your luminous team supports you—call on them to ease your way forward.

PISCES

Your heart and third eye expand, revealing unconventional paths. View sensitivity as strength, cultivate self-worth, and extend compassion toward yourself; the result becomes your greatest advantage.

CANCER

Cleanse mind, body, and spirit; notice soft nudges and flashes of inspiration guiding you to create heartfelt desires. Journal, script, or write to reconnect with priorities, attend closely and trust what's unfolding.

SCORPIO

Your path ahead is peaceful and upward; your open heart returns compassion multiplied. Remember your magic and embodied power, hold your head high, maintain vibration, and step into your true self.

ARIES

You've finally mustered the courage to start that long-considered project. Notice bodily sensations and proceed when calm. Let excitement overtake anxiety and watch new doors open boldly today.

LEO

Take a deep breath and face commitment fears; clear what's been hidden. Donate items you no longer need to lift mental fog, then address challenges calmly to find creative resolutions.

SAGITTARIUS

Align heart and life by seeking emotional support, sharing with trusted people or therapists, and prioritising wellbeing. This transition will pass; move through solemn patches with grace, hope, and renewal.

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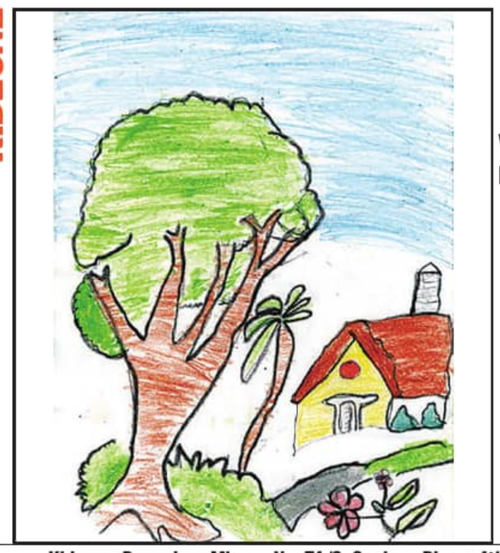

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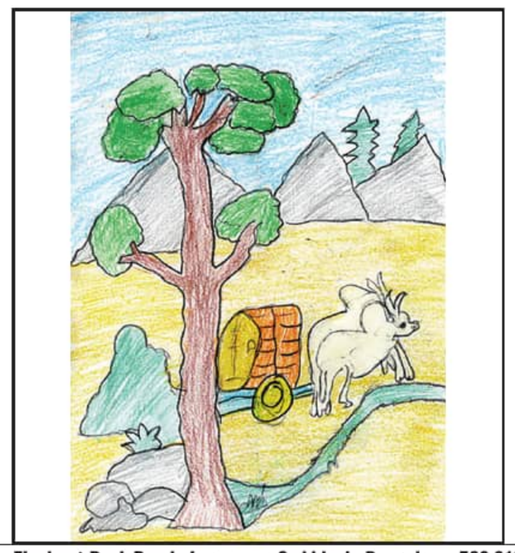

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SOLVE IN 1M

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RIDDLER

1. Arm (Chair) Lift, 2. Cream (Puff) Adder & 3. Wood (Work) Bench

FAST FIVE

T	R	I	A	L
H	A	M	M	Y
I	M	P	I	S
N	I	E	C	E
G	E	L	I	D

QUOTE UNCODE

Between saying and doing many a pair of shoes is worn out.

STRIKE OUT

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BULL'S EYE

bound, BOUNDER, burden, burn, burned, dour, drub, dune, nude, REBOUND, round, rude, rune, under, undo

MENSA PUZZLE

G. The sum of the numerical values of the letters in each column of the diagram equals 29.

QUICK

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

R, Ra, Ram, Army, Marry, Murray, Armoury.

GO FIGURE

9 - 6 + 8 + 2 = 13
3 x 6 - 1 + 9 = 26
3 + 9 / 6 x 3 = 6

SUDOKU

6	2	1	3	5	8	9	4	7
4	7	5	1	2	9	3	6	8
3	8	9	6	4	7	2	1	5
7	1	6	9	3	2	5	8	4
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9	5	4	8	7	6	1	3	2
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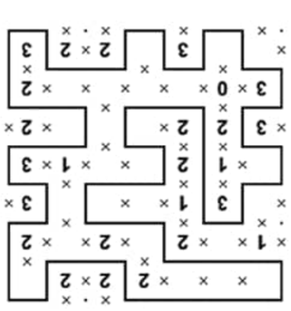

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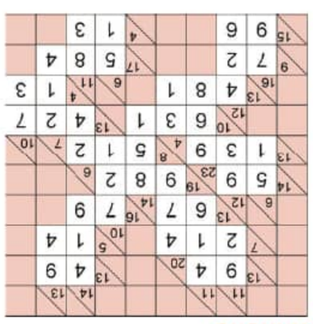

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